

# BAD LUCK, VICTORIA!

## Local players deserved more against Rumania

By ALISTAIR SCOTT

Victoria put up one of its best performances in years — and were unlucky not to come out of the match against Rumania "B" with at least a draw on Saturday night.

Again a touring side has beaten the Victorian State side — but this time the locals should by all manner of rights have emerged from the thrill-packed 90 minutes with a share of the goals.

Rumanian defender Zvonimir Rasic had plumped for a strongly defensive line-up with George Kinnell, Billy Rice and Alistair Scott forming an impressive rearguard.

### Powerful

In reality Victoria were quickly into attack, with Vojtek coming close to putting us ahead twice in 10 minutes with powerful shots.

The Rumanians were at times and sevens in defence. Their over-casual approach seemed to indicate that they were up against the same side easily defeated 6-1 the week before at Middle Park.

Of course they were no slouches in attack and after 34 minutes striker Gheorghe Tataru had bad

luck when a 20-yard shot hit the upright and rebounded across the face of the Victorian goal. The Victorian defence had been caught wide open.

### Smart moves

Dan Zoraja seemed out of place in the Victorian attack — he was holding up many of the smart moves worrying the Rumanian defence.

The visitors were beginning to get on top close to the end of the first half. Their defence settled down to the task at hand, while the fast-moving forwards began to find holes in the Victorian armor.

Most of the danger in the Rumanian attack came from their right-wing, where Grozea and Tataru inter-changed most effectively.

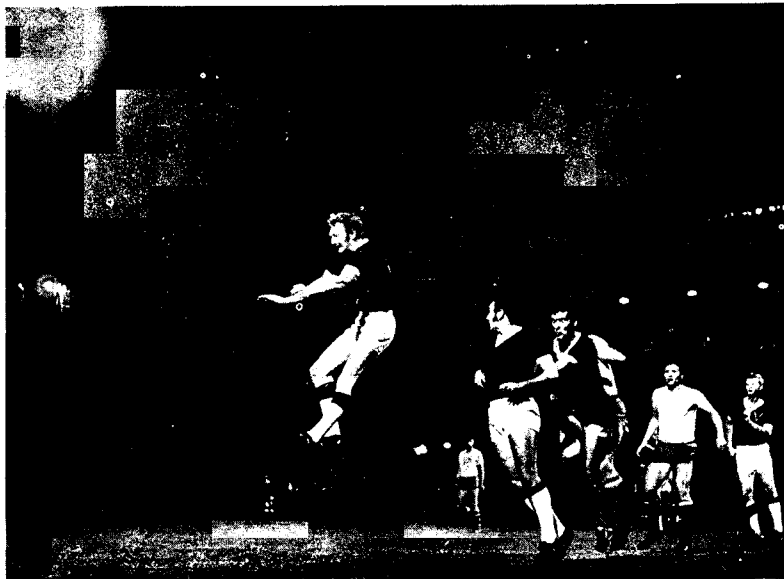
Alistair Scott, after a good start on the left-flank for Victoria, allowed the Rumanians too much latitude.

Victoria did their share of defence-splitting and just before half-time Smart hit the cross-bar with a good lob from 20 yards with Rumanian keeper Adamache well out of position.

From the rebound Jim McKay's shot was kicked off the goal-line by a quick-thinking defender.

### Stalemate

After the interval the Rumanians looked set to take over, as the Victorian



Don't worry! Victoria's Alistair Scott hasn't headed the ball so hard that it burst in the game against Rumania "B" on Saturday night — the "explosion" is merely a cluster of Olympic Park floodlights. The ball in fact is slightly to the left of the lower light, and safely on the way out of danger as (left to right) David Gorrie, George Kinnell and Jock Goodwin join in a defensive wall. Rumania were fortunate to win 1-0.

## A lesson to be learned

Over the past couple of weeks Victorian soccer fans have enjoyed the football provided by the touring Inter-Bratislava and Rumanian "B" sides.

The opposition has varied from the excellent display by 'Victoria' against the Rumanians last week to the mediocre performance the week before against the same side.

What Victoria has learned is hard to say — but one thing is plain to me.

Coaches in this state have a lot to learn about the use of substitutes in club and representative games.

The use of reserves has left a lot to be desired in terms of timing, choice of replacements, and number in past weeks.

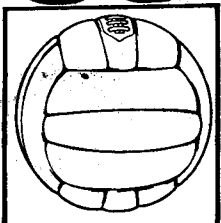
In fact the use of reserves has demonstrated an unintelligent approach by coaches and team managers alike.

Not only have the new players not had the chance to prove themselves, but the games have suffered as spectacles.

It is to be hoped that in future coaches will adopt a more intelligent outlook — something similar to their approach to the question of substitutes in local competitive games.

— ALISTAIR COOK.

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defence started to falter — but the goals still failed to come.

The game developed into a stalemate — the Victorian attack had lost its earlier bite, while the Rumanians were more comfortable in defence.

Both sides missed easy chances and it seemed the locals would hang on for a well-deserved draw, but in the final stages Badin moved upfield to score the winner.

It was a significant showing by Victoria, none of whom did better than Jock Goodwin, George Kinnell and Billy Vojtek.

For the tourists, goalkeeper Adamache, striker Tataru and sweeper Pescaru were the best performers. Marin Tufan, star of the previous match, was hardly sighted.

VICTORIA: Rally, Utjesanovic, Kinnell, Rice, Goodwin, Scott, Micic.

Smart, McKay, Zoraja and Vojtek. Rogers replaced Smart at half-time; Gorrie replaced J. McKay after 85 mins.; and Rosewell replaced Goodwin after 83 mins.

RUMANIA: Adamache, Ivancescu, Badin, Popovici, Angelescu, Pescaru, Grozea, Tufan, Tataru, Both and Kallio. Anca replaced Grozea after 59 mins.

Referee: G. Harrison. Attendance: 5,200.

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By George Yelland

The V.S.F. Fixtures Committee have shown admirable foresight and imagination in their preparation of the soccer program for 1970.

In the course of season, allowance has been made for top overseas touring sides in June and possibly July.

The Dockerty Cup first round proper will be on the week-end July 4-5; second round, Aug. 1-2; third round, Aug. 22-23, and the final will be played Oct. 4, immediately after the last round of League matches on Sept. 26-27.

Last year's popular series, the State League Cup, will again be played.

# Top tourists here in 1970 season

Starting as a round robin followed by semi-finals and final, it will again involve the State League's top four. This competition will take place after the Dockerty Cup final and its final and the official end of soccer for 1970 will be November 1.

Monday's State League meeting started with all pre-

sent standing, in silent tribute to Charles Hay, whose sudden death shocked Victorian soccer lovers throughout the State.

After careful discussion a significant motion was agreed to that apart from any sentence which the Tribunal may or may not impose, any player receiving three cautions or being sent off, shall be automatically fined \$5.

If he is sent off twice in the same season, he is automatically fined \$10 and a third offence \$30, also in addition to Tribunal penalties.

This fine MUST be paid by the player who will be in further trouble if he attempts to extract the fine from his club.

The cigarette firm of Rothmans has been in contact with the A.S.F. and will present a

gold medal to the best and fairest player in N.S.W. this year. It will be a magnificent trophy to the value of \$300.

Rothmans hope eventually to spread the award to each State of Australia.

This magnificent gesture by Rothmans is further evidence of Soccer maturing in Australia. We need more and more the interest and backing of big business firms.

Discipline and the Tribunal were discussed and new approaches were freely discussed.

A new and progressive approach to this vexed problem, was evident and we can expect some very sound developments for the coming season.

An important and wise decision on the subject of publicity was that every effort would be made to have soccer televised live this season.

## How long can a referee go on?



Ready for the match — 72-year-old Holly Hollister.

## Give the veterans chance to shine

By George Yelland

If Britain, with its great army of referees, can still find a place for officials like Holly Hollister (see left), what's the matter with Australia wanting to put them out to grass at 45-50 years of age.

It is time the various State Federations took a hand in matters and used similar experienced men in schools, juniors and minor football.

We have all too few dedicated men and they could be of invaluable assistance to the game.

Many of these soccer devotees only ask for the chance to put a little back into a game which gave them so much fun and satisfaction.



Ken Aston — reward for 20 years' service.

## He's still blowing at 72...

Soon Ernest "Holly" Hollister will celebrate his birthday weekend like any other winter weekend — refereeing a football match.

But the remarkable "Holly", who retired from the Post Office in 1958, will be 72 years old.

For well over 20 years he has regularly refereed with distinction matches in the Weston-Super-Mare and District League.

And he proudly shows a certificate of merit from the Somerset County Football Association in appreciation of his services.

"Holly" joined the Post Office in Bristol in the 1920s and retired there as a P. & T. O. after 28 years service, some of it at Weston head post office.

For many years he was

player-secretary of the former Bristol Postal Clerks' side which played in the city's Wednesday League. He was also selected for Bristol CS rugby team and was still playing rugby and soccer when he was 50.

During a spell with the R.A.F. he represented R.A.F. Egypt at soccer on 20 occasions.

## Top honor comes to Ken Aston

KEN ASTON, the headmaster of an Ilford primary school, who enjoyed a long and respected career as an international soccer referee was honored when he received the Referees' Association's Meritorious Service Award — an award that comes with a minimum of 20 years' outstanding service to the Association.

"Naturally, I'm proud to be honored in this way, but I have an even greater pride in being associated with refereeing at a top level for such a long time", said Aston, who was chief liaison officer to the referees in the World Cup competition of 1966.

Deputy-chairman of the Referees Commission of FIFA it is expected that Aston's rich experience will again be called for in Mexico this year.

He does not know in exactly what role, but added — "I think you can safely say that I will be closely connected with the series".

Aston was a registered referee for 33 years beginning in 1936 and retired under the age rule of 47, quite prematurely, after officiating in the FA Cup Final of 1963.



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# LOOKS AT THE AMPOL CUP

Wilhelmina goalkeeper John Kennedy did not have the best of evenings at Olympic Park on Friday. He was beaten three times, and here it's a last despairing dive at the feet of S.M. Hellas striker Jimmy Armstrong. The Hellas man went on to score.



## CROATIA MADE IT HARD

# What a game it could be tomorrow!

What a match it could be tomorrow evening when Footscray J.U.S.T. and South Melbourne Hellas — the two remaining undefeated sides — meet in the Ampol Cup competition.

The only two teams through to the semi-finals, only two with 100 per cent records, and both in the same group — they should pull an outside crowd to Olympic Park.

In the earlier game, Lions, with only a 100-1 chance of making the semis — meet Polonia, who are guaranteed a semi-final place if they win.

Fixtures: LIONS v. POLONIA (7.45, referee Rantall, linesmen Dixon and Moment). FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. S.M. HELLAS (9.15, referee Lamb, linesmen Verniers and Greenwood).

### Smarting

The unpredictable Lions, still smarting from the loss of Walker and Rooney, will have to reverse the form they showed against Juventus if they are to "cut any ice" against Polonia.

Nothing short of win is good enough for Lions.

Lions are a bit lop-sided in defence and attack and must wish they had more than one Tommy Roseweir. The former centre forward is an asset in any position.

Polonia turned in a shoddy and under-par display against Croatia and the two quick goals put them on a pedestal they didn't deserve.

### Old style

Polonia can do much better, and if they can get back to their old style of keeping the ball moving they should overcome a Lions side which is not fully settled yet.

On paper both J.U.S.T. and Hellas look formidable. But both also have in defence and attack the pair are on par, but here the similarity ends.

J.U.S.T. build up their moves from the short pass, while Hellas are much more dangerous with the long pass.

J.U.S.T. have more poise and precision, but are less adventurous than Hellas. J.U.S.T. are more casual, but less careless than Hellas, and both

### How they stand

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Croatia	...	2	1	0	1	5	4	S.M. Hellas	2	2	0	0	8	0
Juventus	...	2	1	0	4	2	2	J.U.S.T.	...	2	2	0	5	3
Polonia	...	2	1	0	6	4	2	Hakoah	...	2	0	2	0	2
Lions	...	2	0	1	1	2	5	Wilhelmina	2	0	2	0	1	5

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## Joe links up to 7pts.

Croatia linkman Joe Rajher played another great game to score seven points in a new award for the best player of the 1970 Ampol Cup.

With totals of 14, he and George Kinnell (Juventus) are now only one point behind leader Tommy Stankovic (J.U.S.T.).

Rajher has taken the soccer world by storm. He made his senior debut during the State League Cup series last year, but played only a few half-games.

When Bill McArthur dropped out of the team, Rajher got his big break. He lined up for Croatia in its first Ampol Cup clash four weeks ago — and promptly established himself as one of Melbourne's brightest prospects.

On Friday he again played a

creative game, capped by two well-taken goals.

Steve Walker, a tower of strength in the Hellas defence, had no trouble controlling Wilhelmina strikers Wim Spiekermann and Erik Torquati.

Boullis Kamboropolous did good approach work for Armstrong, who moved quickly and netted twice, and to Gorrie, who played his usual strong game, to score the third.

### Comeback

Henry Siwka (Polonia) again impressed with his tremendous speed and creativity in attack. With more experience and the right coaching he could become brilliant.

But Polonia's backbone was centre half Mike Olinowski, who was reliable for the full 70 minutes.

The man who deserves special mention is former Victorian representa-

tive Kaz Kowalec, who made a comeback on Friday night. Polonia was two goals down when the old master took the field in the second half.

There seemed no hope for the Maribyrnong side when Kowalec suddenly appeared on the right wing to slam home a brilliant 30-yarder, sparking the fightback that almost gave Polonia victory.

In the Croatia team, big Frank Bot was cool and reliable under pressure, and Horst Rau moved back to lend valuable assistance to the defence.

International Billy Vojtek was faster and more creative than in Croatia's first match.

Former Slavia and Pan Hellenic star Peter Laraman, who wore Hellas colors for the first time, showed some first-half dash on the wing — but faded later in the game.

Croatia held such an overwhelming superiority over Polonia for most of the game it was unthinkable that their 2-0 lead frittered away by lapses of defence concentration.

Polonia — so much outplayed — came within an ace of snatching a winner after their late two-goal burst which brought them on level terms.

But an outright result in their favor would have been a gross injustice to Croatia.

New recruit Joe Rajher shot Croatia into the lead after only 14 minutes, when he caught on to a pass from Armour to hammer the ball home.

A series of missed "sitters" by Croatia, highlighted the rest of the first half.

On the resumption Rajher popped up again to take advantage of a loose clearance by "keeper" Szalinski and smartly banged home number two.

The writing appeared on the wall for Polonia, who, however, came right back into the game by scoring twice in three minutes.

Late in the game Jim McKay had the easiest of goals when he tapped the ball into the net, standing almost on the Polonia goal-line.

Croatia had won a game they almost lost — while Polonia lost a game they never deserved to win.

Wilhelmina looked every inch as good as South Melbourne Hellas for a good part of the first half.

But when Hellas scored twice within five minutes through Armstrong and Gorrie the Wilhelmina challenge fizzled out — and the result was never in any real doubt.

### Details

CROATIA 3 POLONIA 2.

CROATIA: Kovacek (Voight), Bot, Gunn, Symington, William, Rau, Armour (J. McKay), Vojtek, McIntyre, Hargreaves.

POLONIA: Szalinski, Knot, Czerniecki, Miller, Olinowski, Czapnik, Widera (Kowalec), Closs, Siwka, Malloy, Plaskota.

Scorers: Croatia — Rajher (2) and McKay.

Polonia — Kowalec, Malloy. WILHELMINA 0 S.M. HELLAS 3. WILHELMINA: Kennedy, Pye, Feenstra, Pygall, Ward, Edgeley, Bunce, Torcoque, Spiekermann, Luckhurst, O'Toole.

S.M. HELLAS: Stephens, Kelly, Kriaris, Bedford, Walker, High, Laraman, Kamboropolous, Armstrong, Ackley, Gorrie.

Attendance: At Olympic Park, 7144.

## GLOBETROTTING GEORGE YELLAND VISITS SOCCER'S NERVE CENTRE

F.I.F.A. House, the hub of world soccer, gives the impression of a quiet, secluded residence from its elevated position overlooking the lake and city of Zurich.

A two-mile ride on a comparatively quiet double tram along Witikonstrasse, from the Central Station, brought me to Hegibach Strasse.

Here I alighted and made the steep climb to Hertzigweg.

Around the corner, nestling amongst the trees, and with well kept but hard frozen gardens surrounding it, stood No. 11.

A simple bronzed plate, with the legend on it F.I.F.A. House, was all that differed from other houses in the area.

I was courteously received by the newly appointed Press and Public Relations officer, Mr. Rene Courte.

Over six feet and looking immensely fit, Mr. Courte was the soul of hospitality and frankness during my two hour stay at World Football Headquarters.

Fans will recall that Mr. Courte was a member of the party, led by Sir Stanley Rous, which conducted a successful referees' course in Melbourne during 1964.

Mr. Courte is generally believed, in Australia, to hail from France. He is actually a native of Luxemburg and was general secretary of their national football association for 15 years, before joining F.I.F.A.

An astute and hard working administrator, he has a lifetime's experience in the game.

Before leaving, F.I.F.A. general secretary Dr. Kaser, came in to have a word and send greetings to the Australian soccer community.

He was suffering from a heavy dose of 'flu and soon retired to the warmth of his private room.

### Refused visa

Mr. Courte said that he had been appointed to the post of Secretary to the A.S.F., following the resignation of Mr. McAndrew.

All arrangements had been made and he had sold his car and other personal effects ready to set out for Australia.

Unfortunately he had had

# Canberra's red tape robbed us of experts

a lung infection some years before and despite a 100% clearance by two of Europe's top medical men, he was refused a visa by the Canberra bureaucrats.

F.I.F.A. had no doubt as to his complete physical fitness. In November, 1969 he was given a contract for his present position.

On reflection, one wonders why, in the face of assurances from two of the world's foremost physicians, Canberra saw fit to

deny Australia the vast experience and organising ability of this remarkable man.

In 1964, Sir Stanley Rous and Walter Winterbottom paid tribute to him when they both agreed the success of that memorable course for referees, in Melbourne, was largely due to Mr. Courte's behind the scenes organising.

Mr. Courte would not have come alone to Australia and the plans he had in mind would have put the country

well on the way to world parity in a few short years.

### Democratic set-up

Asked about the structure and origin of F.I.F.A., Mr. Courte said the Executive Committee consisted of one member each from the four U.K. countries and four members elected by the Continental Confederation.

Decisions by the executive must have a mini-

mum of six in favour. This, of course, cuts out the formation of "blobs" to force through, contentious issues.

The election of top officers is done by the executive and the president is in office for four years.

Sir Stanley Rous completes his term this year and the new president will be elected in Mexico on June 23. At 75 years of age, Sir Stanley is active and dedicated to the concept of United Soccer, the world over.



Dr KASER

with the future of the game in Oceania. We must, however, learn to organise, to plan and to build on firm foundations.

The offer made by Sir Stanley Rous must be taken up and his vast experience and organising ability, used for the future of our game here.

Petty State friction must be eliminated in the interest of Australian soccer progress.

Mr. Courte added that in his new position, he was making regular press releases to Reuters and was deeply anxious to arrange international exchanges of news and information.

He is obviously dedicated to the concept of World Soccer as a world brotherhood of sportsmen.

### Alteration urged

A suggestion has been made in Scotland that the penalty area should be altered and take the form of a semi-circle whose radial point should be on the goal line.

There appears merit in this, for should a penal offence occur in one of the extreme corners, even though a goal is not likely, the referee must award a penalty kick.

Asked whether F.I.F.A. were considering such a change, Mr. Courte said that no such recommendation had come from the F.I.F.A. Referees' Committee.

Unless, or until it did, it could not even be considered.

Changes in law took several years to be implemented the world over and they were loathe to make frequent alterations.

Usually, fundamental changes only took place every seven years.

As I wended my way down the hill, I turned for a last look at F.I.F.A. House and was heartened with the thought that in spite of all criticism Soccer is in very capable hands at top level.

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So far he is the only candidate and is an odds on bet for a further four years as F.I.F.A. chief.

Mr. Courte made no secret of the fact that he wanted to come to Australia and was bitterly disappointed when the visa was refused.

In the light of all the evidence, I wonder whether outside pressures had anything to do with it.

There is no doubt that he would have been the man to carry Australia to new heights from the crest achieved by our World Cup progress.

### Domestic issues

I gained the impression that he would have opposed the distribution of all the profits from tours, to the various States and built up a sizeable fund for promoting World Cup games, etc.

He feels that we have been too concerned with domestic issues and missed the boat.

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Contrary to the thinking of some of the narrower minded in our Soccer circles, F.I.F.A. is intimately concerned

● Alistair Cook takes a close look at Victorian soccer's stars of today and tomorrow in his occasional series of —

# Portraits of the players

★ **FRANK BOT**  
(Croatia)

Hungarian - born but played most of his soccer in Germany before coming to Australia in 1961 to join Croatia. Joined Croatia under the amalgamation with Croatia in 1961 and except for a spell last year when he suffered a hair-line break in the leg has been a club regular.

Has an attacking flair as a full back and has on more than a few occasions captivated the fans with his dashing runs upfield which sometimes end in a goal. Married, and an SEC electrician.

★ **JIM ARMSTRONG**  
(S.M. Hellas)

Fully three years with Hakoah and their top scorer each season before being transferred recently for a considerable fee.

Near the 6ft. mark, this 26-year-old striker had two years with Renfrew Juniors and one season with Yoker Athletic in Scotland before coming to Australia.

Armstrong, who has played for Victoria, is married with a young son and is a physical training teacher at Broadmeadows Tech.

★ **HENRY SURMA**  
(Melbourne)

Polish - born but a product of the Melbourne H.S.C. Juniors, first played in their

senior team in 1962. A member of the Melbourne side which won the State League title and the Australian Cup in 1967, has represented Victoria at both junior and senior level.

Was at one time in the Australian squad and suffered a broken arm in 1965 which kept him out of the game for some time.

Now transfer listed by Melbourne, this 26-year-old with a wealth of experience may regain his best form by a change of club.

★ **HUGH MURNEY**  
(Lions)

Another former Hakoah player who recently joined the Essendon side as player-coach — and at quite a transfer fee to his new club.

Born in Johnstone, Scotland, he played with Beith Juniors then had four and a half years with Greenock Morton, followed by spells with Dumbarton and Queen of the South.

One of seven brothers, six of whom played professional soccer includ-

ing Gerry — also of Lions and now in Sydney looking for a club— Hugh is single, an accomplished accordionist and is a physical training instructor at Braybrook High School.

★ **ARCHIE CAMPBELL**  
(George Cross)

Dundee-born and a product of the local Juniors, there he joined world-famous Tottenham Hotspur as a youth player at 17. Returning to Scotland after a spell with the London side's under 18 and 3rd team, he signed for Scottish Second Division side — East Fife, with whom he played until coming to Australia in 1962 to join George Cross.

In his first game for the Cross, the day after he landed, he scored two goals, one direct from a corner. Has won the Sporting Globe, Soccer News and George best and fairest players awards and played for Victoria many times. Married with a young family, Archie is sales manager with a safety company in Melbourne.

## Ambitious Albion try again

Second Division club Albion Rovers — surely one of the most ambitious Metropolitan clubs — are hoping for better luck in 1970.

Last year they had their sights set on promotion and a subsequent place in the First Division this season.

A number of injuries and an incredibly cracking pace in the Second Division put paid to those hopes.

However, this year

they again hope to be challenging for top honours, although star man Tony Gallagher's knee injury continues to cause plenty of headaches.

### Enterprise

Although formed only in 1962, Albion Rovers have shown the way in terms of enter-

prise for preparing themselves for soccer of a higher status.

Selwyn Park, a former ground of State League side George Cross, is the Rovers' home for the 1970 season.

Despite the possibility that a prominent State League coach could be in charge at Selwyn Park this year, Albion Rovers are still trying to strengthen their playing staff.

Prospective players and supporters should contact Russ Wilson at 5 Dalworth St., Sunshine, or the club's publicity officer, John McKenna at Flat 9, 10 Burnewang St., Albion (bus. tel. no. 65-4555).



"I forgot to tell you, sir, when you were arguing about football, he's a keen Spurs fan!"

## As I see it . . . . .

By George Yelland

Does A.S.F.

really want us to join in world soccer?

A remarkable disclosure was made to me in the very heart of world soccer, by no less an authority than Mr. Rene Courte, Public Relations and Press Officer of F.I.F.A.

During my European visit, I went to Zurich and visited "F.I.F.A. House", with its magnificent view overlooking the Swiss city.

I was warmly and courteously received by Mr. Courte, and later had a few words with the General Secretary. Dr. Kaser, who was unfortunately suffering from an attack of flu.

In the course of the two-hour interview, in which many aspects of the game were discussed, Mr. Courte was asked if he thought Australia had had rough treatment in their World Cup bid, considering the colossal amount of travelling involved.

He first suggested, jokingly, that it was hardly F.I.F.A.'s fault that Australia was so far away from other soccer countries.

In more serious vein, he said that the A.S.F. had only themselves to blame — because as far back as 1968—

THE AUSTRALIAN SOCCER FEDERATION WAS OFFERED THE OPPORTUNITY OF STAGING THE ROUND ROBIN, INVOLVING KOREA AND JAPAN.

### TURNED IT DOWN

Australia would have been responsible for travelling and accommodation of the visiting teams. Apparently fearing a loss, the A.S.F. turned it down.

South Korea and Japan were both DESPERATELY keen to get the tournament, and as history knows, it eventually went to Korea.

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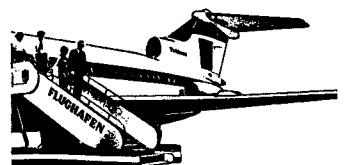
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# SOCCER QUIZ

By Alistair Cook

A weekly feature which will not only test your memory, but also rack your brains.

Score ten out of ten — and you're a genius. And if you score seven or over, you're a soccer marvel.

If you can top the halfway mark, class yourself as good. But if you answer less than three correctly, it's time you brushed up your knowledge of your favorite game by buying Soccer News regularly.

Here we go . . .

1. Which club has won the night soccer competition most times?
2. Name the side relegated from the State League in 1963?
3. You know your world soccer! Well, let's see! What are the Christian names of famous European stars Albert (Hungary), Facchetti (Italy), Del Sol (Spain), Voronin (Russia), Peters (England) and Gemmell (Scotland)?
4. How many times have George Cross finished runners-up for the State League title?
5. What is the radius of the quarter circle inside the field of play at each corner flag?
6. Who scored Australia's goal in their 1-1 draw with Israel in Sydney in the vital World Cup qualifying match?
7. Name the side which won promotion to the Sydney First Division last year, and also the side which was relegated to the Second Division?
8. Which England player has closest connection with soccer?
9. Which nations contested the semi-finals of the 1966 World Cup? And who beat who?
10. A well known State League player was forced to retire from the game prematurely through injury in late 1969. Who was he?

Now turn to Page 10 for your answers.

## ★ SOCCER SIDELINES ★

### Can Soccer players run?

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last season from the Scottish Highland League, and played many first team games in 1969.

● George Little — another Scot who has been a reserve team player, and joined the club from Kello Rovers.

Juventus have also transferred reserve team linkman Tommy Kean to Altona.

● Jock Stephen, re-elected president of Park Rangers for the 12th successive year, has a fine record in Victorian soccer. Prior to being president, Jock was secretary of the club for the previous 13 years. He joined the club in 1945; is a native of Edinburgh.

● Tony Vella, the former J.U.S.T., George Cross, Polonia and Lions player, who represented Victoria and Australia many times, has joined Metro side Albion Rovers as coach.

Albion would like to have Tony as a player as well, and will sound out the Lions' attitude.

● Kaz Kowalec, player-coach of Polonia last season, reappeared for the club as a substitute for Widerra during their game with Croatia, and scored their first goal.

It seems a mystery why Kowalec, so successful during the latter part of 1969 with Polonia, was replaced as coach.

● Terry Luckhurst, the former Juventus forward, who returned to Australia recently after a spell overseas, and was transferred to Wilhelmina, had his first game this season for the Ringwood side against South Melbourne Hellas.

● Missing from the Wilhelmina line-up against Hellas was ace centre half Graham Bibby. Wilhelmina were "hush-hush" on his absence.

● Sandy Henderson, Hakoah goalkeeper, is building up something of a reputation as a club entertainer. Sandy was due to discuss the possibility of a contract with a theatrical agent this week, and has also been booked for a spot in "Showcase".

● Colleague George Yelland returned to Melbourne last Sunday after a six-week trip to the U.K. and Europe.

● Joseph Rajher, the 24-year-old Croatian-born forward, capped a good display for Croatia against Polonia by scoring two goals.

● South Melbourne Hellas are the only side in the Ampol Cup who so far have not conceded a single goal in their two matches played.

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#### GROUP 'B'

JUVENTUS  
CROATIA  
LIONS  
POLONIA

#### KICK-OFFS:

7.45 p.m. and 9.10 p.m.

ROUNDS 1 to 6 — 35 minutes play each way.

SEMI-FINALS and FINAL —

45 minutes play each way

#### RESULTS TO DATE:

Friday, January 9  
J.U.S.T. 2, Wilhelmina 1. Polonia 2, Juventus 1  
Friday, January 16  
S.M.-Hellas 3, Hakoah 0. Lions 2, Croatia 2  
Friday, January 23  
J.U.S.T. 3, Hakoah 2. Juventus 3, Lions 0  
Friday, January 30  
Croatia 3, Polonia 2; Wilhelmina 0, S.M.Hellas 4.

Friday, February 6  
LIONS v POLONIA  
J.U.S.T. v S. M. HELLAS

Friday, February 13  
CROATIA v JUVENTUS  
WILHELMINA v HAKOAH

Friday, Feb. 20  
Winner of Group 'A' v Runner-up of Group 'B'

Friday, Feb. 27  
Winner of Group 'B' v Runner-up of Group 'A'

Friday, March 6  
FINAL

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**Peter Bonetti (partially hidden) heads the ball away during a raid by Wolves forward Hugh Curran (extreme right) in a recent Division One match at Stamford Bridge, London. In the picture also are Chelsea players John Dempsey (5) and David Webb (2).**

Burnley 3, West Ham Utd. 2.  
Chelsea 3, Sunderland 1.  
Coventry City 2, Arsenal 0.  
Everton 1, Wolver. Wand. 0.  
Manchester Utd. 1, Derby C. 0.  
Newcastle Utd. 0, Crystal P. 0.  
Nott. Forest 1, Liverpool 0.  
Sheff. Wed. 2, Ipswich Town 2.  
Stoke City 1, Leeds United 1.  
Tott. Hotspur 0, Southton 1.  
W. Brom. Alb. 3, Manch. C. 0.

Birm. City 2, Bristol City 2.  
Cardiff City 2, Blackpool 2.  
Hudd'field Tn. 1, Carlisle U. 0.  
Hull City 2, Sheff. Utd. 3.  
M'brough 1, Qns. Pk. Rgs. 0.  
Millwall 0, Oxford Utd. 0.  
Norwich C. 0, B'burn Rov. 1.  
Portsmouth 5, Charlton Ath. 1.  
Preston N.E. 1, Aston Villa 1.  
Swindon T. 3, Bolton Wand. 2.  
Watford 2, Leicester City 1.

Barrow 1, Barnsley 1.  
B'mouth 1, Southport 0.  
Bradford C. 0, B'ham Utd. 1.  
Bristol Rov. 0, B. & H. A. 2.  
1, Halifax Town 1.  
Easter Rov. 0, Fulham 1.  
Gillingham 2, Torquay Utd. 4.  
Orient 2, Tranmere Rov. 0.  
Plymouth A. 1, Mansfield T. 0.  
Shrewsbury T. 1, Rochdale 0.  
Stockport Cty. 1, Luton T. 1.  
Walsall v. Reading postponed: ground unfit.

Ryecliffe 2, Fort Vale 0.  
 Brentford 1, Worlington 0.  
 Chester 1, Darlington 3.  
 Chesterfield 2, S'thorpe Utd. 1.  
 Colchester U. 1, Newport C. 1.  
 Exeter City 1, Lincoln City 2.  
 Grimsby T. 0, Crewe Alex. 2.  
 Northampton T. 3, Bradford 0.  
 Oldham Ath. 1, H'pools U. 0.  
 P'borough U. 1, Swansea T. 1.  
 Southend U. 1, Wrexham 0.  
 York City 1, Notts Ctv. 2.

Aberdeen U. 0, Arbroath 1.  
Ayr United 3, Dundee 2.  
Celtic 3, Dunfermline Ath. 1.  
Dundee Utd. 5, Morton 4.  
Hearts 0, St. Johnstone 0.  
Motherwell 1, Clyde 0.  
Partick Thistle 3, Hibernian 1.  
Raith Rovers 2, Kilmarnock 3.  
St. Mirren 0, Rangers 4.

Albion Rovers 2, Stenhouse 0.  
 Alloa 3, Hamilton Acad. 0.  
 Arbroath 2, Clydebank 0.  
 Cowdenbeath 1, Brechin City 0.  
 Dumbarton 2, Forfar Ath. 1.  
 Falkirk 1, East Fife 1.  
 Montrose 0, Stranraer 0.  
 Qn. o' Sth. 1, Stirling Alb. 0.  
 Queens Pk. 1, Berwick Rng. 2.

Ards 0, Crusaders 1; Bangor 0, Coleraine 0; Chimney Cnr. 1, Newry Town 2; Derry City 2, Dundela 1; East Belfast 1, Cliftonville 2; Glenavon 3, Distillery 3; Glentoran 0, Ballymena Utd. 2; Linfield 1, Portadown 0.

Fonteviedra 0, Coruna 0; Atletico de Bilbao 5, Real Madrid 0; Atletico de Madrid 5, Granada 0; Sabadell 3, Barcelona 2; Valencia 3, Mallorca 0; Sevilla 2, Zaragoza 0; Las Palmas 3, Celta de Vigo 0.

Nantes 1, Angoulême 1; Sochaux 0, Red Star 1; Nîmes 4, Bastia 1; Valenciennes 0, Angers 2; Rouen 0, Sedan 0; Ajaccio 1, Strasbourg 0; Metz

Charleroi 0, Racing White 0;  
Anderlecht 0, Standard Liege 2;  
Beeringen 1, Bruges 1;  
Beveren-Waas 7, St. Trond 1;  
Liege 1, Waregem 0; Ostende 1, Beerschot 2; Schaerbeek 0, La Gantoise 1.

Sporting 1, Barreirense 0;  
Boavista 3, Porto 2; Cuf 1,  
Varzim 1; Belenenses 1, Gui-  
marães 0; Leixões 1, Setubal  
2; Tamar 1, ...

2, Vicenza 1; Inter 2, Rome 0;  
Juventus 2, Sampdoria 0; Lazio  
0, Cagliari 2; Napoli 4, Turin  
0; Palermo 1, Bologna 0;  
Verona 2, A.C. Milan 2.

GO Ahead 1, Nec 1; MVV 1,  
Nec 1; Ado 4, Az'67 0; Svv 0,  
Haarlem 0; Telstar 3, Hol-  
land Sport 0; Dws 0, Psv 0;  
Nac 1, FC Twente 1; Feijen-  
oord 6, Dos 0.

Both clubs have 46 points—Everton having played one less than Leeds' 31 matches—with Chelsea poised in third place on 38 points from 29 games.

Everton set the pace from the start against Wolverhampton but were restricted to a single goal by England under 23 international Joe Royle after 32 minutes.

Further in  
doldrums

Manchester City, the F.A. cup holders, without a league win since December 6, slumped further into the doldrums when they crashed 3-0 away to West Bromwich Albion in a League Cup final preview.

A crowd of about 25,000 went to White Hart Lane to see the result of manager Bill Nich-

Set for  
runaway

There was no change at the top of the second division where Huddersfield look set to run away with the title. Huddersfield's 1-0 win at home to Carlisle United took them to 41 points — still four ahead of Sheffield United with a game in hand.

Aston Villa, trailing sadly at the foot of Division Two, gained a valuable point from a 1-1 draw away to Preston North End but lost the services of winger Dave Rudge with a broken leg.

Best match in Scotland was Kilmarnock's clash away to Raith Rovers where Kilmarnock trailed 2-0 seven minutes from the end before pumping home three goals in five hectic minutes for victory.

Chelsea, London's top soccer club, reached the fifth round of the English Football Association Cup with a 3-1 extra time victory in their fourth round replay against Burniey.

Chelsea had squandered a 2-0 lead when the team met in the first match, Burnley forcing a 2-2 draw with two goals in the last 10 minutes.

In the replay, Chelsea's hopes dimmed when Ralph Coates put Burnley ahead with a brilliant first half goal, but Peter Houseman equalised after the interval and Tommy Baldwin put Chelsea ahead in extra-time.

Houseman scored a late third goal to ensure Chelsea of a fifth round match.

Fourth Division Northampton Town qualified for a fifth round meeting with mighty Manchester United by beating Tranmere Rovers 2-1 in their fourth round replay.

	W	D	L	F	A	P	S
Medford	17	12	2	6	30	46	
Union	21	4	2	5	26	28	
Bellevue	14	10	5	4	49	32	
Whitman	15	9	5	4	39	35	
Whitport	12	11	7	4	34	24	
County City	14	6	8	39	28	24	
Rocky City	12	10	7	41	36	34	
Manchester Utd.	11	12	7	43	40	34	
County Utd.	5	13	38	37	30	28	
Ham. For.	11	10	11	43	33	28	
Swastice Utd.	11	8	12	42	33	30	
Manchester City	11	8	10	41	33	32	
Brom. Alb.	11	6	12	40	37	28	
Senal	7	14	9	32	26	28	
Northam H.	11	6	12	36	41	28	
Ham. Utd.	11	10	11	43	33	28	
Turnley	7	10	12	34	45	28	
Southampton	4	12	12	35	49	20	
Swish Town	8	11	7	29	33	20	
Crystal Palace	4	11	15	35	51	17	
Underland	3	7	12	32	58	17	
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Huddersfield	17	7	5	48	27	
Sheffield United	16	5	9	57	37	
Blackburn Rovers	16	5	9	41	34	30
Cardiff City	14	7	8	47	30	
Sheff Wed	14	7	8	47	30	
Middlesbrough	14	6	8	37	30	
Swindon Town	11	12	6	38	37	30
Blackpool	12	9	7	37	35	
Leicester City	11	9	8	43	40	
Sheff. F. Res.	12	7	7	45	42	
Bristol City	10	12	8	40	30	
Porthsmouth	10	12	8	45	54	
Birmingham City	9	8	12	41	49	
Orford United	8	9	11	22	29	
Millwall	11	11	13	34	44	
Doncaster	10	10	12	29	29	
Bolton Wands.	8	12	13	42	47	
Norwich City	10	14	26	34	34	
Charlton	5	13	11	26	52	
Preston	7	8	14	30	40	
Watford	7	11	15	32	37	
Aston Villa	10	10	12	30	30	

	W	L	F	S	A
Orient	14	10	8	12	10
Luton Town	14	9	5	17	28
Brighton	14	7	8	31	26
Reading	14	7	7	8	33
Barnesley	12	10	8	43	31
Bradford City	14	5	6	39	25
Sheff Wed	11	11	7	37	28
Torquay United	11	11	7	43	34
Bristol Rovers	11	10	7	48	38
Rochdale	13	5	10	47	38
Fulham	10	10	9	48	40
Wolverhampton	11	11	7	21	37
Halifax	10	8	8	30	29
Shrewsbury Town	9	12	8	39	38
Bury	11	5	13	57	33
Mansfield Town	11	5	11	33	31
Plymouth Argyle	11	5	12	33	35
10	10	10	10	10	10
Bournemouth	8	9	13	32	50
Tranmere Rovers	7	7	13	34	54
Southport	6	12	13	27	56
Stockport County	4	9	17	17	43
10	10	10	10	10	10
Sheffam	3	9	17	45	45
Barnsley	3	8	12	21	36

	W	D	L	P	A	T
Chesfield	14	9	48	15	4	15
Brentford	14	9	38	23	2	15
Swansea Town	13	10	44	32	2	12
Port Vale	13	9	5	53	20	15
Wrexham	15	4	5	54	20	15
Doncaster	15	5	50	30	1	15
Leeds	12	8	5	53	42	15
Leedsborough United	12	8	5	53	42	15
Scunthorpe County	13	10	45	43	33	15
Scunthorpe United	12	7	10	41	40	33
Colchester Utd	10	10	8	37	38	33
Lincoln City	12	10	4	49	36	22
Grimsby Town	13	2	2	51	41	22
Grimsby Town	9	8	10	30	32	22
Northampton	9	8	9	34	31	22
Crewe Alexandra	10	5	11	31	31	22
York City	11	5	11	35	42	22
Sheff Wed	7	13	3	35	41	22
Exeter City	8	7	14	41	41	22
Southend United	7	14	3	36	52	22
Newport County	7	13	3	36	49	22
Darlington	7	7	13	33	42	22
Sheff Wednesday Athletic	9	9	13	30	44	22
Bradford	5	13	3	30	41	22
Wokingham	5	6	17	21	49	11

	W	D	L	F
Celtic	18	2	3	64
Rangers	16	4	3	61
Hibernian	13	3	5	38
Dundee United	11	5	7	34
Hearts	8	10	6	36
Dunfermline	10	5	8	29
Dundee	9	5	8	28
Kilmarnock	8	8	8	44
Ayr United	10	2	11	30
Motherwell	6	9	6	33
Morton	8	5	9	36
St. Johnstone	9	3	9	34
Aberdeen	8	4	10	40
Airdrie	5	4	11	38
St. Mirren	5	4	14	29
Clyde	5	4	12	20
Raith Rovers	3	6	14	19
Partick Thistle	3	5	11	24

Pos		W	D	L
38	Cowdenbeath	17	6	3
36	Queen o' South	16	4	4
30	Arbroath	16	3	7
27	Alloa Athletic	15	2	7
26	Falkirk	14	3	4
25	Stirling Albion	11	8	6
23	Dumbarton	12	5	6
22	Berwick Rangers	12	3	8
22	East Fife	11	3	11
21	Montrose	9	5	10
21	Albion Rovers	8	4	12
21	Clydebank	7	5	12
20	Queen's Park	7	4	15
14	East Stirling	6	5	10
14	Brechin City	7	3	12
14	Forfar Athletic	8	1	16
14	Saracens	6	3	15
12	Hamilton Acad.	5	2	13
11	Stenhousemuir	5	3	18

3	A	half goal, but
58	25	Houseman equal
33	35	after the interval
35	36	Tommy Baldwin
57	25	Chelsea ahead
51	30	tra-time.
51	30	Houseman scored
43	25	late third goal to
39	40	Chelsea of a fifth
55	42	match.
53	19	Fourth Division
48	15	ampton Town c
37	45	for a fifth round
39	47	with mighty Mar
39	61	United by beating
49	15	mere Rovers 2-1
51	16	four round repla

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# 12-man team brought replay

Have you see it before — the substitute coming on and playing before the man he was replacing had left the field?

Because Sirius played with 12 men for 30 secs. in their Swedish cup-tie against Oddewold the game had to be replayed. But Sirius still won 3-0, and Alicata, twelfth man in that first match, scored all three goals.

Talk about rapid scoring! In the Swiss Division II game between Moutier and Urania goals were scored in the 84th, 85th, 87th and 90th mins. of the game.

It happened in London on the same day. Chelsea met Manchester United before a crowd of 54,712. Programme sales totalled 50,847 and at 1/- a time brought in £2542. Orient played Bury. Crowd was 3485 and the gate receipts were £625.

Spelling the difference between life at the top and 'way down below.

★ ★ ★  
Injured in the game between Bursc and Facs in Hungary, one player was carried off on a stretcher when he passed uncomplimentary remarks to the referee. And the man who was being carried off — was also ordered off.

★ ★ ★  
Ramirez, full back of Cañuto (Argentina), scored a hat-trick against Perosa. However, one thing was wrong — they were all own goals. Next match Ramirez was switched to centre forward.

In a Leicester Works League game the whistle was blown only eight times — to stop and start the game, in which two goals were scored. Secret is the refereeing was done by two players. When no official ref. showed up the two captains decided to play one half each with ten men — spare man to referee.

★ ★ ★  
Brazilian clubs have been asked not to play in red shirts — to avoid such comments as the "reds attack" creating political feelings among listeners to broadcast commentaries of matches.

★ ★ ★  
The Russians sent a woman named Vito Zhilinskaya along to watch and report on a soccer

match in Moscow. She wrote:—

"Clearly in the stands we have thousands of our best forwards and backs, our most vigilant goalkeepers and our wisest coaches.

"While the unfortunate tortois on the field were pushing the ball around making mistake after mistake, the real soccer players were in the stands separated by a barrier from the field. How long is this abnormal situation to persist?"

★ ★ ★  
The Saudi Arabia League is a most regal affair. There are 24 princes playing in it. Soccer is one of the big relaxations of the Saudi Arabia Royal Family.

★ ★ ★  
When Dundee United's big reconstruction

scheme involved the removal of their old stand, a season ticket-holder asked if he could have the seat he had held so long as a memento. United duly obliged, and delivered it to their faithful follower.

★ ★ ★  
How appropriate? Angelo Sivori, the Italy-Argentine star, is also a singer. One of his first records was entitled "Tango of the Referee".

★ ★ ★  
Revolutionary method of drying out pitches comes from Russia. Low-flying helicopters are used. The wind created by the whirling propellers dispels excess water much quicker than conventional methods.

★ ★ ★  
Sir Matt Busby, Manchester United's general manager, missed his team's home game against League leaders Leeds last week. He was in hospital after an operation for a double hernia earlier in the day.

Sir Matt had delayed the operation to see United beat Manchester City in the F.A. Cup the previous Saturday.

★ ★ ★  
The value of open Cup competition was never better illustrated than in Leeds United's fourth-round draw to face Isthmian League amateurs Sutton United.

The little London club turned down a Leeds offer to transfer the game to Elland Road, in spite of the bait of a big-money gate.

They wanted to keep faith with their faithful supporters. They attracted 15,000 — and lost 6-0.

★ ★ ★  
Bradford City crushed Bournemouth to the tune of 8-1 on January 24, thereby creating a new club record of 23 successive home games without defeat.

## Spanish teams in the market

Vic Buckingham the British manager of Barcelona recently left Barcelona for London on a search for one of Europe's top forwards.

The Spanish sports news with Johann Cruyff, the agency Aflit reported Buckingham's departure for club, Ajax, are reported to be willing to let him go at the end of the season.

Buckingham's trip is designed to get ahead of Real Madrid, who are also reported to be interested in signing foreign players.

The rush by both Barcelona and Real Madrid to buy foreign players is the result of a decision by the Spanish F.A. to lift the ban on the purchase of foreign players in April.

## World round-up

### Club Corner

#### Wiener S.K.

Formed in 1893 as Wiener Cyclistenklub and took up soccer in 1906. Amalgamated with Wiener Sportvereingung as Wiener Sportklub in 1907.

Have been Austrian League champions, and in 1959-60 created a couple of shocks when they beat Juventus (Italy) 7-0, drew with Real Madrid in Vienna, before being thrashed 7-1 at Chamartin.

Outstanding manager was Hans Presser, while top players of the past include Rudi Hiden, a great goalkeeper in 1930 whom Herbert Chapman took to Arsenal, but could not play as the Ministry of Labour refused him a work permit; and Erich Hof, a scoring centre who was ill-disciplined and seldom trained, yet played 30 times for Austria.

#### Ipswich Town

Although they were formed way back in 1880, they did not adopt professionalism until reorganisation of the club in 1936.

Never played in the English Fourth Division as they were first elected to Division III (South) and first won promotion to the Second Division in 1954, only to be relegated after one season. Since then, however, they have again won the Third Division championship, the Second Division championship, and in 1961-62 the powerful English First Division League.

Outstanding manager has been Sir Alf Ramsey, now manager of England. Among many top players to have worn their colors were Roy Bailey, Lawrence Carberry, Ray Crawford, John Elworthy, Jimmy Leadbetter and Ted Phillips.

#### Moscow Spartak

Formed in 1922 as the team of the Soviet Producers' Co-operative movement. Russian League champions and Cup-holders many times.

An outstanding pair who have seen service with the club in the past are Ignor Netto, an elegant wing-half who captained the victorious Russian team at the Melbourne Olympics in 1956, and Nikita Simonian, an inside forward from Armenia, who became the record scorer in Russia and also understood to Netto as captain of the national side.

#### Everton

Among the original members of the English League 1888; remained in First Division until relegated in 1930. Won their way back in one season, and next time they were relegated in 1951 it took them only three years to get back.

Formed in 1878 by St. Domingo Church Sunday School. Became Everton the following year. Nicknamed the "Toffees" as their ground, Goodison Park, was close to a sweets factory and Everton Toffee is famous in Britain.

Everton have won the F.A. Cup three times and the English First Division League title six times, with their last success in the league in 1963, the year before they made their highly successful tour of Australia.

Chairman of the club is Cecil Moore, the pools millionaire. Their manager, Harry Catterick, has steered the club to League Championship honors and F.A. Cup triumphs since he returned to the club in 1961.

Outstanding players have been Dixie Dean, who scored 379 goals for the club, had 15 English caps, and has place among soccer immortals as one of the greatest headers of a ball. Harold Massey, who played both soccer and cricket for England; Ted Sagar, a goalkeeper who served them over 24 years; Tommy Eglinton, an Irishman from Dublin, who was coach of their Australian tour; and Tommy Lawton, perhaps the greatest of them all, and one of the best pre-war centres in World Soccer.

#### River Plate

Formed in 1901 by English residents, playing for a time in the Uruguayan League under Perinor coach John Harley.

Have won top honours in Argentine League and Cup, also South American Cup competitions.

Outstanding players have been: Bernabe Ferreyre, Angelo Labruna, Jose Moreno, Raymond Orsi, Adolfo Pedernera, and the greatest Argentinian of them all, Enrique Sivori, who has carved such a niche for himself in Italian and European soccer.

#### Hamburger S.V.

Started up in 1887 as Hamburger Sport Verein, the oldest German League club. Soccer was started in Hamburg by German businessmen who formed the Anglo-American Club in 1881.

Usually play at Rothenbaum Stadium, but transfer their allegiance for big matches to Volkspark-stadion. Have many German League honours, reached the semi-final of the European Cup in 1961. Two great players who have been in their line-up have been Josef (Jupp) Posipal, and current West Germany centre forward Uwe Seeler, the son of a former player of the club, and regarded as the greatest forward Germany has ever produced.

## On the sidelines



ULYSSES KOKKINOS, the South Melbourne Hellas forward (in white), who is out of action with a cracked bone in his arm sustained when playing for J.U.S.T.-Hakoah-Hellas Select against Rumania.



# FEAST - BUT CHIEF GUESTS ARE MISSING

The World Cup Finals are notorious for the number of great players who don't play in them.

It's like a party for celebrities with the world's Press, TV and Radio present — and half the guests missing.

Mexico's list of absentees is almost as long as a schedule of fans who have given away watching Victorian soccer in the last few years.

There is no Florian Albert, the Hungarian whose high IQ football charmed the fickle Merseysiders in 1966 to a

by Alistair Cook

pitch of adulation they normally reserve for their own idols of Everton and Liverpool.

No Eusebio. Amancio stays home in Spain. So does Pirri, described by Bobby Charlton as one of

the world's complete soccer players. Denis Law has never played in the finals.

## Soccer greats just look on

This time there will be no Jimmy Johnstone or Billy Bremner. Scotland — like so many countries — didn't make it.

Lubanski, of Poland and Gornik, will not be there. George Best will also be absent to the obvious disappointment of Mexican fans who were keen to see his legendary skills.

Eusebio, the tournament's leading scorer in England in 1966, is held back this time because the great Portuguese side has grown old on him. By Munich in 1974, he may well be too old himself.

One man the world was curious to see perform in Mexico, after his enforced absence from Sweden (1958), Chile (1962) and England is Edouard Streltsov, perhaps the greatest Russian player never

to play in World Cup Finals.

The absence of Streltsov from the other three tournaments was self-imposed. Just before Sweden, he started a 12-year jail sentence for alleged rape.

### Public image

The Russians who don't like their sports stars to stain their public image, made him serve seven years.

When he came out, he was banned from playing for Russia or outside Russia for his old club, Moscow Torpedo.

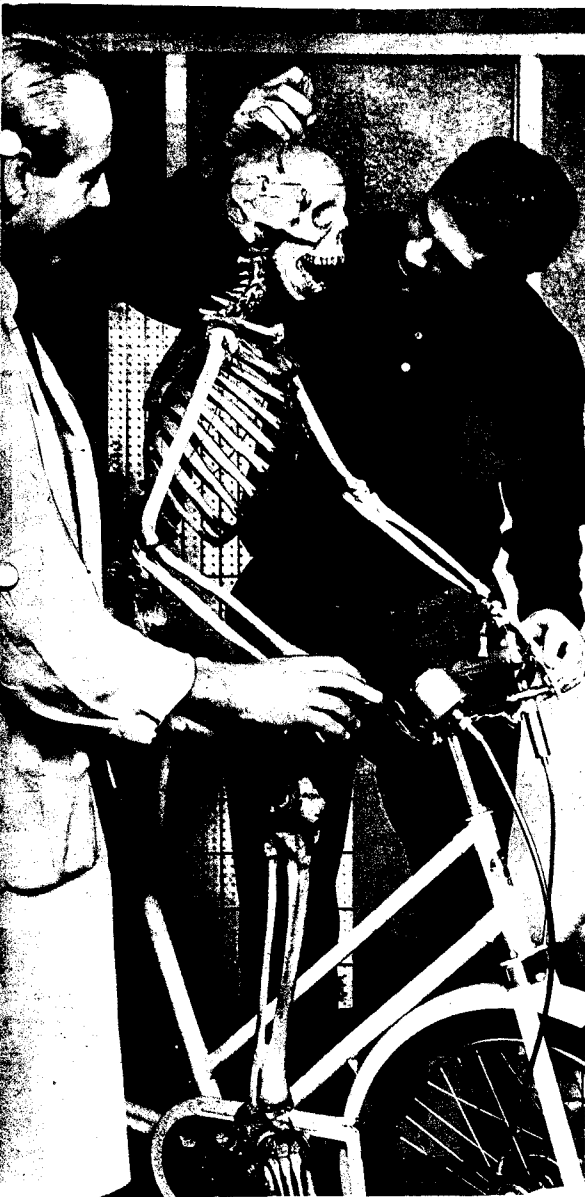
No leading player has had such demands on his constitution and talent.

Streltsov survived it by coming back to the national side, and was voted Russian Footballer of the Year in 1967 and 1968. Now for Mexico?

Alas, the prodigal son went astray again and has once more been discarded by the powers for over-drinking.

At just over 30, he could have made Mexico. At 40, goalkeeper Lev Yashin, the most famous of Russian players will not be there. He is still playing, but not that ambitiously.

Without Yashin and Streltsov, the Russians will still present dangerous opposition in Mexico.



### Gifted player

There will be no Oscar "Cacho" Melabernat, the dentist who captained Estudiantes, and few people outside the Argentine will regret that.

Holland's most gifted player, Johan Cruyff, who has recently attracted world wide attention with his brilliant play — his club Ajax has reportedly had an offer of close to \$700,000 for him — will be missing.

This happens every four years. Top teams are caught unprepared in qualifying matches or in stages of transition — and their greatest players are not invited to the mecca.

You must meet

## Charlie Parker

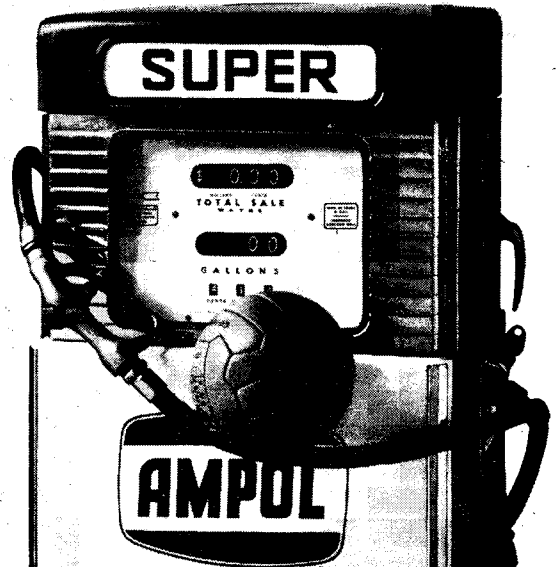
New players arriving at Fratton Park, Portsmouth, are almost bound to get the invitation.

And what a surprise when host Charlie Parker turns out to be — a skeleton.

For years the training staff have used the bony boy for talks on bone structure.

Here Charlie is pictured on the dressing-room bike — with defender Harry Harris having a word with him.

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# HE'S LION HEARTED

A lion on a football pitch? Oh, yes, it CAN happen — on this occasion it was in Gelsenkirchen, West Germany, last Saturday. Here the animal makes for Borussia Dortmund players Kurrat (left) and Rasovic (centre), firmly held by an unknown Schalke player before the local derby game. The lion was friendly retaliation for an unfortunate incident in the other "leg" of the derby, when savage dogs found their way on to the Dortmund pitch and caused havoc in the Schalke team. This time Schalke were determined to be better protected — but still they only drew 1-1.



## MEN ON THE MARK

Leading scorers in the English Football League to Saturday, January 31:

### DIVISION ONE:

- 21 Jeff Astle (West Bromwich)
- 20 Peter Osgood (Chelsea)
- 18 Alan Clarke (Leeds), Joe Royle (Everton)
- 16 Hugh Curran (Wolverhampton)
- 14 Colin Bell (Manchester City), George Best (Manchester Utd.), Geoff Hurst (West Ham), Alan Hutchinson (Chelsea), Robert Graham (Liverpool).

### DIVISION TWO:

- 21 John Byrom (Bolton)
- 19 Barry Bridges (Queens Park Rangers)
- 18 John Toshack (Cardiff)
- 16 Allen Woodward (Sheffield Utd), John Hickton (Middlesbro), Rodney Marsh (Queens Park Rangers)

### DIVISION THREE:

- 18 Jim Conway (Fulham)
- 17 George Jones (Bury), Jim Kerr (Bury)
- 16 Steve Earle (Fulham), Malcolm Macdonald (Luton)
- 15 Reg Jenkins (Rochdale), Ted Macdougall (Bournemouth)

### DIVISION FOUR:

- 19 Jack Howarth (Aldershot)
- 17 Jim Hall (Peterborough)
- 16 Stuart Brace (Grimsby), Bert Kinsey (Wrexham)
- 15 Terry Bell (Hartlepool), Nigel Cassidy (Scunthorpe), Rod Fletcher (Lincoln).

## IT'S NOT ONLY SOCCER FOR VIOLENCE

Soccer is not by any means the only sport throughout the world beset by violence and vandalism on and off the pitch.

Anti-apartheid and "anti-anti" groups in Britain have completely disrupted the South Africans' Rugby Union tour, gaining world headlines with pitched battles and arrests.

And from the English "Daily Mail" comes the following story of brawls and violence after a French Rugby League game in which the home side was beaten by Wales in Perpignan.

The writer is Brian Batty.

An English Rugby League referee was beaten up today by furious French fans. It happened after Wales beat France 15-11 and the crowd erupted into the worst violence seen at a Rugby League international.

### Police

The referee is Mr. Dickie Thomas, 50, of Oldham.

Twice during the game the crowd threw bottles at him.

And when he finally blew the whistle to signal Wales' first victory on French soil since 1936 hundreds of people poured on to the pitch.

I leapt on my Press box seat just in time to see Mr. Thomas struck on the face and sink to the ground.

Dozens of armed police moved in to try to protect him and the players from the mob.

Mr. Thomas, who is due to retire at the end of the season, was carried off unconscious.

He was taken to hospital for tests and X-rays for a suspected broken jaw.

He was not the only man caught in the furious battle.

Burly Welsh forwards John Mantle, John Warlow and Jim Mills, with several French players, exchanged blows with the fans at the entrance to the dressing rooms.

### Arrests

The crowd, surprisingly upset by several of Mr. Thomas' decisions, then turned on the police.

They threw beer cans, pieces of wood and other missiles before a series of baton charges broke them up.

French official M. Ray-

## EIGHT FOR MT. CLEAR

Eight teams will take part in the Mt. Clear (Ballarat) Soccer Club's annual "lightning competition" at Mt. Clear Sports Ground on Sunday.

The draw is: 11 a.m., Elwood-Austria I v. Altona City; 11.50, Keilor City v. St. Albans II; 12.40, St. Albans I v. Elwood-Austria II; 1.30, F.T.G. v. Helvetic; 2.20, first semi-final; 3.10, second semi-final; 4.0, juniors; 4.50 p.m., Grand Final.

Refreshments are available on the ground, and there is a picnic area. Admission is 40c (under-16s, free).

mond Forge later confirmed that police had arrested two fans, one of whom is expected to be charged with an offence against the referee.

Mr. Thomas is in hospital. He has face injuries and said he was kicked in the stomach when he was on the ground.

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. J.U.S.T. (5 times).
2. Richmond.
3. Florian, Giacinto, Luis, Valery, Martin, Tommy.
4. Five times.
5. One yard.
6. John Watkiss.
7. Marconi (promoted) — Polonia (relegated).
8. Alan "Ball" (Everton).
9. West Germany defeated Russia 2-1 while England won with a similar score against Portugal.
10. Billy Cook (Slavia).

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# Cramer and the Kids



F.I.F.A. Coach Dittmar Cramer had no more enthusiastic squad to coach than the juniors who attended his classes on Monday, January 19. Here the famous coach is seen in a workout with future stars at Olympic Park. Picture by Serge Walter.

## "Red Devils" give every boy a game

Karingal United, having completed a most successful 1969 season, are looking forward to what 1970 might have in store.

The club's success is due to its policy of catering for all boys who want to play soccer, which in itself promotes the game, and ensures interest and enjoyment for the youngsters in the club.

An enrolment figure of 120 boys in the '69 season, which will increase this year, will ensure an excellent standard of soccer being maintained, and give the spectators what they want — good soccer from the juniors.

The Red Devils, having only two seasons behind them, will no doubt show they are a club to be reckoned with in 1970.

Purely a junior club, they had two teams in the Super League in 1969 — the Under 10's and the Under 14's.

The Under 10's reached the semi-final of both the Super League and the Cup.

The Under 14's, although losing most matches, played good soccer all the

time, and never gave up trying.

The Under 8's, the babies of the club, won the local league arranged for them on the Peninsula.

These youngsters, some only six and seven years old, play soccer like veterans, and show their delight when a team effort brings off a win.

Club officials are confident the rate of expansion will continue, not only in Karingal United, but other clubs in this area, and ensure the future of junior soccer in this part of Victoria.

Pictured below is the Karingal United Under 10 team, with the Rigby Cup won last August 24.



## Three areas for Juniors decided

The committee appointed by the V.S.F. to study junior soccer affairs has decided, in conjunction with the Junior League Management Committee, that Victoria should be divided in North, South and West areas.

This was announced at State League Management Committee meeting at Soccer House on Monday night.

Competitions will be organised in the three areas for Under 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, which will be played on Sundays, and for Under 14, 15, 16 and 17, to be played on Saturdays.

The Latrobe Valley already has 58 junior teams.

Competitions are being organised throughout the State for all junior age groups.

Schools will also be included in this ambitious project, to make 1970 a bumper year for young soccer players.

### "AFTER THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW COMES THE —"

Treble Chance Pools dividends will not be in the record-breaking class for last Saturday.

Altogether there were 14 Draws, almost double the number of the previous week, when there were nine.

So with 11 scoring Draws and three score-less Draws, top dividends will be paid out on 24 points, and this by the way is the first time for many weeks.

Another factor for a medium payout is the fall of the Draws on the coupons — Three in the First Division, four in the Second, four in the Third, two in the Fourth and one in the Scottish matches used, which will make perm punters very happy, and further decrease prize-money.

The balance of the coupons was 13 Aways and 27 Home winners. A few of the Away winners were surprises, so I expect the Four Aways Pools to pay good, but the Eight and Nine Results will be worth winning all the same.

Also there was one game, the Walsall v. Reading match, postponed, which with the two points allowed will class as a score-less Draw.

The punters of Britain are up in arms over the rule of allowing two points for postponed matches in the Treble Chance Pools.

So much so that one well-known morning paper which has a Punters' Club with many thousands of members has called a conference to try to suggest a suitable alternative

to the existing Treble Chance points scoring.

What angers Pools punters is these two points that is awarded for postponed games, the same as a score-less draw, and they now feel the unemployed match is not worth this much.

With a large number of these games being postponed as early as Fridays each week as has been done last month clients who live near agents and who can delay their coupons until Friday evenings have an advantage over those who have to post them on Thursdays.

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**Eight Results:** 40/-  
**Four Aways:** 136/-  
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### Taffy's Tips for the POOLS

# POOLS

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**Twelve Match Results**  
Pool: 12 correct, £642/16/- for 2d.; 11 correct, £11/8/-; 10 correct, 16/-.

**Three Draws:** 56/-  
**Nine Results:** 48/-  
**Four Aways:** 68/-

For **NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, FEBRUARY 14**, the following should win at Home for the stake-saving system—

**EIGHT AND NINE RESULTS**

Coventry City, \*Everton, Manchester United, \*Birmingham City, \*Cardiff City, \*Huddersfield Town, \*Bradford City, Leyton Orient, \*Shrewsbury Town, \*Aldershot, Brentford, \*Grimsby Town, \*Preston North End, \*Plymouth Argyle v. Reading, Stockport County v. Tranmere Rovers, \*Chesterfield v. Swansea Town, \*Ayr United v. St. Johnstone, Dundee United v. Dunfermline Ath., \*Motherwell v. Hibernians.

**FOUR AWAYS**  
\*Manchester City, \*Queens Park Rangers, \*Blackburn Rovers, \*Luton Town, \*Barnsley Town, \*Notts County, \*Rangers.

**THREE DRAWS**  
Tottenham v. Leeds, \*Ipswich Town, \*Preston North End v. Charlton Ath.,

Plymouth Argyle v. Reading.

And now once again for the big money with those elusive eight Draws, but remember those teams still with a chance in the English and Scottish Cups, if they have no chance of League honours or not in danger of relegation, they tend to avoid taking risks, however here are my selections:—

**TREBLE CHANCE POOLS**

Burnley v. Derby County, \*Chelsea v. Liverpool, Stoke City v. Wolverhampton W., \*Tottenham v. Leeds United, Portsmouth v. Blackpool, \*Preston North End v. Charlton Ath., \*Watford v. Bristol City, \*Plymouth Argyle v. Reading, Stockport County v. Tranmere Rovers, \*Chesterfield v. Swansea Town, \*Ayr United v. St. Johnstone, Dundee United v. Dunfermline Ath., \*Motherwell v. Hibernians.

Till next week, good luck, punters.

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# Pensions at 35 for players!

Pensions for footballers at 35 is the likely outcome of last week's deal between the English League and the Professional Footballers' Association.

The agreement-in-principle will provide for markedly better security for Britain's professional soccer players.

The agreement, which needs the sanction of clubs, players and the F.A., also provides for these other changes:—

1. The abolition of the signing-on levy to players.

2. A tax on transfer fees — at a rate not yet defined — to raise the pension fund premiums, estimated to cost about \$1,076,500 a year.

3. No automatic option for clubs in the renewal of agreements with players.

4. The minimum weekly basic wage to be raised to \$32 and every full-time professional to be guaranteed total earnings of at least \$2314 annually.

5. Appeals procedure between players and clubs to be first to the League management committee, then to an independent tribunal.

The League also intends to provide free life cover for every player.

Mr. Alan Hardaker, League secretary, said the agreement would benefit all concerned — league, clubs and players.

How long will it be before professional soccer in Victoria becomes organised enough to adopt even one of these proposals?

But, then again, perhaps Victoria's part-timers should first think about the resurrection of the ill-fated Players Union which received so little support a few years ago.

ALISTAIR COOK.

## Casualty station



Masseur Lou Lazzari takes a look at the injured ankle of Croatia linkman Jimmy Mackay before the vital game against Rumania 'B' at Olympic Park on Saturday afternoon. His ministrations obviously proved successful,

and Mackay proved one of the top players in the beaten side. Below, Footscray-JUST masseur Roger Merivick, himself a Yugoslav, tends to one of the visitors.



# SCOTLAND WANT TO VISIT US

By George Yelland

Scotland's full international side may tour Australia in the "very near future."

This was the chief finding of Bill Curran, South Melbourne Hellas stalwart, during his recent tour of the United Kingdom.

Bill met Mr. Nelson, chairman of Arbroath Football Club and vice-president of the Scottish Football Association.

Mr. Nelson gave an assurance that Scotland was impressed with receipt received on their last visit to Australia and leading officials were keen to pay a return visit in the "very near future".

Mr. Nelson asked Bill to mention it in the right quarters on his return to Australia.

So the Australian Soccer Federation please take note.

## Travelled miles

Bill said that he had travelled more miles in four weeks than in any ten-year period in Australia. He had only three rest days over the Christmas period.

His trip to Arbroath could lead to the signing of a defender with six years' first team experience.

But he also hopes to return with four or five new players in a bid to re-establish South Melbourne Hellas supremacy.

## Guest of top clubs

Other highlights of Bill's tour were the three days spent with Heats, who toured Australia in the 1950s and the period spent at Manchester United's Old Trafford.

Bill attended training sessions, saw clashes between Hibs and Hearts and later Manchester United and Arsenal.

No doubt many of the ideas and practices which he carefully weighed up, will be incorporated at Middle Park.

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